

## **Minutes of the Public Works Committee - December 16, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chair Manke who led the committee in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair Richard Manke, Co. Board Supervisors James Behrend (arrived at 8:45 a.m.), Peter Gundrum (arrived at 8:37 a.m.), Karl Nilson, Rodell Singert, David Swan; **Absent:** Hank Carlson  
**Staff Present:** County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legis.Associate Sandra Meisenheimer  
**Also Present:** Public Works Building Operations Supervisor Scott Weber, Engineering Services Mgr. Gary Evans, Senior Civil Engineer Karen Braun, Hazardous Materials Coordinator Leslie Williams, Sean McMullen (Director of Public Works) of City of Muskego

### **Read Correspondence/Meeting Approvals**

Chair Manke addressed the following items:

1. Wisconsin Transportation Builder (Summer 2004), which is published by the Wisconsin Transportation Builders Assn. four times per year.
2. Notice of the 2005 Winter Highway Conference on January 24, 25, and 26, 2005 at the Kalahari Resort & Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

**Motion:** Swan moved, second by Nilson, to approve attendance to the 2005 Winter Highway Conference in Wisconsin Dells on January 24-26, 2005. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

3. Letter from Executive Dan Finley to Nancy Nistler of the Federal Aviation Administration regarding Waukesha County's request for continuance of waivers for the Waukesha County Airport (Crites Field). Esler said the alternatives are from zero dollars if the waivers are granted to \$42 million if there is a tunneling of Pewaukee Road. The public information meeting will probably be scheduled early next year (January or February) to present the alternatives. The alternative decision will be made by the County Board probably in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2005. The action thereafter would be to include the desired alternative in the 6-Year Airport Improvement Plan so it can be timely for federal and state funding when it becomes necessary to replace the east-west runway.
4. Letter from Director Rich Bolte to Howard Weissenborn of Menomonee Falls regarding why the signals at CTH YY (Pilgrim Road) and CTH W (Good Hope Road) do not have left turn signals. Since left turn signals are now warranted, work should be completed by the end of the year.
5. Handout from WisDOT regarding transportation finance issues.

### **Discuss and Consider Bids for the North Prairie Substation Facility Upgrades to Mitigate Future Dissolved Salt Releases**

This item was held over.

### **Discuss and Consider Bids to Replace the Emergency Generator at the Juvenile Center and to Relocate the Emergency Generator at the Health and Human Services Center**

**Motion:** Singert moved, second by Behrend, to approve the bid of \$65,744 from Roman Electric for the base bid and two alternates.

Weber said this is part of the five-year major maintenance plan. The Juvenile Center's generator has exceeded its useful life, and they want to get a gas-powered generator. The second part of the project is relocating the Information Systems generator from behind the Administration Center to the Health and Human Services building.

Esler asked what else is involved besides moving the generator to Human Services? Weber said

there is some underground wiring, and they have to pour four concrete pads. Also, the generator has to be taken to a manufacturing firm and have a double wall tank put on it underneath. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 159-O-099 Approve Land Lease – City of Muskego**

Evans, Braun, Williams and McMullen were present. **Motion:** Gundrum moved, second by Behrend, to approve Ordinance 159-O-099.

Braun stated that the City of Muskego has requested this land lease, which is an agreement with the City of Muskego for .28 acres of land that will be used as a public parking lot. The lease will be for a ten-year period and sale of the land will be considered after the ten-year lease terminates. All parking lot construction costs and maintenance costs will be the responsibility of the City of Muskego. Braun distributed a colored map of the area. To Manke's question, Williams explained the contamination issues on the property. Singert asked how many parking spaces there would be. McMullen replied that they don't have the final design done but are looking at attaching 20 to 25 parking spaces. Singert asked about signage. McMullen said the City will pay for everything. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

**Future Agenda Items**

Esler suggested the following items:

1. Report from Lee Esler on the Winter Highway Conference on January 24-26, 2005.
2. Consultant Phil Scherer of Ayres Associates to give a report in Feb/March on highway funding.
3. State of Wisconsin should appear in January/February to give a "state of the county" in terms of state highway projects in Waukesha County.
4. Discuss the west Waukesha by-pass.
5. Ordinance to use some contingency on the jail project.
6. Swan said he would like the strategic plan of the Public Works Department presented.
7. Singert said he would like to begin discussions on Airport Drive and the allocation of the Northview properties.

**Discuss Speed Zone Change on Highway B in the City of Oconomowoc**

Herro distributed a letter (see attached) he received from Bill Chapman, Attorney for the City of Oconomowoc. Herro explained the situation that exists on .8 of a mile on Highway B, which is a City road. The portion of the highway starts at a blind turn and goes to Highway 67. Representatives of the YMCA at Pabst Farms and Summit Elementary School favor a reduction of the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph. Herro stated the problem is the amount of traffic on the .8 portion which makes it dangerous. He has met with Director Bolte and explained the situation to him. They did a traffic study and Bolte said they can't lower it. It is an outlying district and there aren't enough driveways along Valley Road to substantiate lowering the speed limit. There was a long discussion by the committee as they asked questions of Herro.

Herro explained that the process to follow is to have this committee ask Rich Bolte to request the Department of Transportation to allow the City of Oconomowoc to lower the speed limit. Esler said it isn't to allow the City to lower the speed limit but rather the county. Herro said yes, it's allowing the county at the city's request. Nilson expressed his concerns against lowering the speed limit. Behrend said there also should be a transfer of jurisdiction involved with this. Manke said the two

fit together but we want the speed zone lowered first. Manke suggested forwarding this information to Bolte. It was the general feeling of the committee that they support lowering the speed limit.

**Approve Minutes of December 2, 2004**

**Motion:** Swan moved, second by Singert, to approve the minutes of 12/2/04. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

**Report from Executive Committee Member for Meeting of 12/06/04**

Manke reviewed items that were discussed, reviewed and/or considered at the last meeting on Monday, December 6.

**Correspondence/Future Agenda Item**

Manke referred to a handout and memo concerning the house at 1120 Northview Road: 1) handout from Building Projects Mgr. Dennis Cerreta regarding a preliminary estimate of costs for the rental property located at 1120 Northview Drive in Waukesha, and 2) memo from Glen Lewinski, Community Development Coordinator, regarding the yellow house near the Exposition Center. Attached to the memo is an email from Mike DeMares, Clinical Services Mgr., suggesting 2 ways to utilize the yellow house. (Future agenda item).

**Motion to adjourn:** Swan moved, second by Gundrum, to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodell L. Singert  
Secretary

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